SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 298

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend Betty Weemes for her years of philanthropy and community service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should specially recognize those estimable citizens who have dedicated their time and energies to helping others; and

WHEREAS, each year, more than a million Tennesseans volunteer their time and talents to bettering their communities, and by helping fulfill needs that would otherwise go unmet, they embody the spirit of giving; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person is Betty Weemes, the executive director of the Laughlin Foundation. As the foundation's director, Ms. Weemes is responsible for raising and distributing funds to numerous health-related causes at Laughlin Hospital and throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, some of the noteworthy causes that Betty Weemes and the Laughlin Foundation have championed include an annual dental and vision clinic for low-income individuals, a free screening mammogram and breast cancer education program, and a community health education lecture series held monthly at the Roby Fitzgerald Adult Center; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Weemes has been the foundation's director for twenty-three years, and during that time, she has viewed her generous work as "an absolute joy" from which she will not be retiring anytime soon; and

WHEREAS, Betty Weemes is a model citizen whose commitment to helping others through community service is representative of the Volunteer State, and she should be specially honored; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and commend Betty Weemes for her years of philanthropy and community service and extend to her our best wishes for success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.